

Next Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 1 in Vancouver



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Signing in for the July 23 indoor picnic at Fort Borst Park were Joan Huston, Dick Colenso, Louise Colenso, Jacquie Smith, Alene Reaugh, Lynn Carter, Van Anderson, Carolyn Bawden, Mark & Judith Upton, Sandy Dunkel, Shirley Ewart, Judy & Bill Scheer, Judy Falk, Ann Holiday, Mary Sisson and Bonnie LaDoe.

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October meeting comes early

At the last meeting we enjoyed entertainment from our own Mary Sisson, playing guitar and singing beloved Cornish songs. It was great! Lots of good food too. We also were visited by a roaming bagpiper, who was in the park at the time and stopped by to play some tunes for us.

This next meeting is coming up rapidly, as we had to schedule it a bit early this year to get our usual Vancouver meeting place at the Clark County Genealogy Center. We will meet October 1, and we will have a genealogy workshop of sorts with the genealogy library open next door to our meeting place, so that we can use its resources. This will be a very “unstructured” meeting where you can bring your genealogy questions and if you haven’t ever done any genealogy, but thought you’d like to at least know a bit more about your Cornish side, then bring what you know (parents, birthdates and places, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.). We can help you get started!



Mary Sisson leads the singing of Cornish songs at the summer meeting in Centralia.

Bring something to share, as we will have our normal meeting potluck lunch as well.

— Joan Huston
President

Bagpiper entertains with Celtic tunes, state tartan



Skip Greenwell plays Celtic tunes.

Wearing the official Washington State tartan and a Cornish flag on one of his pipes, bagpiper Skip Greenwell piped himself into Kitchen No. 2 during the PNCS summer business meeting at Fort Borst Park, Centralia.

A former trumpet player, Skip explained a little about the bagpipes. The instrument is mentioned in the King James Version of the Bible. The Romans took it north, and the Scots made it their national instrument. Bagpipes exist throughout Europe in various forms.

Skip blows into the blowstick to fill the leather bladder with air. It is the squeezing of the air, not the blowing, that creates the music – nine notes, no sharps, no flats. He calls himself a

Celtic player. He explained that Celtic tunes are slower than the marches usually associated with bagpipes.

Cornwall has its tartan, and so does Washington. It was designed to commemorate the Washington State Centennial of 1989 and was adopted as the official state tartan in 1991.

The background color of green represents the rich forests of Washington. The perpendicular bands of contrasting colors also are symbols – blue for the lakes, rivers and ocean; white for the snow-capped mountains; red for the apple and cherry crops; yellow for the wheat and grain crops; and black for the eruption of Mount St. Helens. The tartan is registered with the Scottish Tartans Society.

New opera honors modern Cornish hero

A Cornish hero is being remembered in music this month as The San Francisco Opera premieres its original opera, "Heart of a Soldier," Sept. 10 through Sept. 30.

The hero is Rick Rescorla who saved more than 2,700 lives by getting employees of the World Trade Center's largest tenant out of the building before it collapsed on 9/11 ten years ago, taking him with it. His remains were never found.



Rescorla in his U.S. Army uniform

with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, became a U.S. citizen in 1967, retired from the Army Reserve as a colonel in 1995 and was Vice President of Security for Morgan-Stanley/Dean-Witter at the time the twin towers were attacked.

Three years before that, he had warned of the danger of a terrorist attack. A BBC documentary aired several years ago shows how Rescorla had fears of a cargo jet being flown into the New York landmark.

"Combat in cities, hunting down terrorists - this will be the nature of war in the future," Rescorla said in an interview in 1998. "Terrorist forces can tie up conventional forces. They can bring them to their knees. One individual, one fanatic, one man willing to give his life for what he believes in can choose a time and a place and there's no way that any soldier is alert 100 per cent of the time - it's impossible.



San Francisco Opera's photo montage of Rick Rescorla in Vietnam and baritone Thomas Hampson, who sings the role of Rick in the opera "Heart of a Soldier" premiering this month.

"We're talking about no specific groups, no specific religions," he said at the time. "For example, the Muslims are honorable people. It's just small segments of fanatics and terrorists that perpetrate these battles."

Rick's friend, former special forces soldier Dan Hill, said Rick, who had already predicted the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center to an eerie degree of accuracy three years before it happened, discussed other methods terrorists might employ in future with his best friend.

"We said they are going to hit you from the air," Hill told the BBC Inside Out team in the documentary. "He and I together figured the way it would come. We thought it would be a cargo aircraft coming from the Middle East or from Europe. It would be loaded up with demolition and it would fly into one of the buildings about two thirds of the way up.

"If they penetrated deep enough, the heat and the blast would cause the structural interior to disintegrate and topple and a third of the building would collapse and that overload would take the rest of the building down with it, which is just what happened."



At the World Trade Center

Take a walk on the Coastal Path

By Lewis Penhall Bird

President, Cornish Heritage Society East

The Coastal Path is surely one of Cornwall's choicest treasures. Nature has endowed the Duchy along both the north and the south coasts with 258 miles of fabulous, challenging seascapes that often take one's breath away. The next time you're back "home," do not miss an opportunity to hike somewhere on the path – a doubly satisfying adventure – cultural as well as physical. We have done so many times.

Whether walking across sunlit, sandy beaches or gazing down from a gently rolling headland at the crashing surf below, spectacular views abound. Whether at its highest elevation of 735 ft. (over 70 stories high) where the sheer-drop cliff catches one's breath or at a lower altitude where one gazes across the sea to the horizon, these solitary moments linger. Rivers are crossed by either bridges or ferry. Fields are crossed



Sunny Sisson Rickards, 2010

Carlyon Bay, St. Austell, is one of the delights along the Cornish coast

sheep, or over stiles and granite steps that challenge one's balance. Parts of the trail are World Heritage Sites. In Cornwall one is never more than 20 miles from the sea.

On the Atlantic coast side (from the north southward), delights abound: Tintagel Castle (land of the King Arthur legends), Padstow harbor (Hobby Horse town), St. Enodoc Church (grave of

they are two very notable landscapes a hiker travels in the process of turning to the south coast, now east-



Everett Wolford, 1980

St. Michael's Mount stands near Penzance



Everett Wolford, 1980

Fishing villages such as Mousehole entice shutterbugs.

alongside berry bushes, gorse, heather, wild flowers and grazing

Sir John Betjemann), Newquay (surfer's heaven), St. Ives (artist colony), and St. Just (Botallack engine houses). These are just some of the treasures, to say nothing of the smells, conversations and lunches enjoyed along the way.

Since Land's End and the Lizard Point are Britain's most westerly and southerly landmarks, respectively,

bound. Shortly there appears the Minack Theatre (natural rock amphitheater); thence Penzance (St. Michael's Mount), Kynance Cove (popular beach on the Lizard), Falmouth (Pendennis Castle), Mevagissey (popular ferry across to Fowey), Fowey (yachting center), Polperro (fishing village), and Looe (quaint 16th century streets). Again, these stopping points are merely highlighted ... before, during and after each one - more marvelous memories!

What a hike! Ready to go? Get your shoes on!!

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 1, 2010

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clark County Genealogical Library

717 Grand Boulevard

Vancouver, Washington 98661

Potluck lunch (Cornish goodies appreciated but not required), followed by a brief business meeting and time to explore the Clark County Genealogical Library

From I-5 take East Mill Plain Boulevard heading east to Grand Boulevard and turn right.

The building is on the left. Look for the PNCS banner. Parking is in front.

Minutes of the meeting of July 23 at Fort Borst Park

The summer gathering of the Pacific Northwest Cornish Society took place Saturday, July 23, 2011, at Fort Borst Park, Centralia, Washington. Eighteen members and guests signed in. President Joan Huston called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Huston announced that Dick Colenso is back after resigning his position as vice president for health reasons. It was decided that his resignation had not been accepted.

The minutes of the March 5, 2011, meeting were approved as printed in the summer newsletter.

Treasurer Dot Huntley reported that dues for 2011-2012 in the amount of \$685 for 42 members had been mailed or e-mailed, and \$280 toward those dues had been received as of July 11, 2011. She moved \$510 to the money market account in July to bring the balance above \$2,500 and avoid a service charge. The checking account balance on July 11 was \$612.42, and the money market balance was \$2,506.33. Orders from Amazon.com through the PNCS website brought in another \$33.93. End-of-fiscal-year bank reconciliations showed total assets were \$3,250.45 as of June 30, 2011, compared with \$2,189.50 on June 30, 2010.

Dot has been working with Ann Holiday to exchange newsletters with other Cornish societies. She believes this has been successful, as information has been shared. Dot announced in her written report that she was keeping the postings to our FaceBook page current, and we have 24 "likes." Members should feel free to post to our page and to refer to it for upcoming events.

The treasurer's report was accepted. It was announced that Café Press still has T-shirts in a variety of colors.

The meeting was interrupted by a bagpiper who came through the door and played several tunes before piping himself out with "Amazing Grace."

Shirley Ewart has handed the family stories over to Bonnie LaDoe. She encouraged members to e-mail their family stories to Bonnie who suggested members write down what they heard from their parents and grandparents.

Volunteers were sought to send press releases on PNCS events to local newspapers.

Dick Colenso noted that genealogy is one of the purposes of PNCS. He suggested organizing members to help others who are starting out and to help members publish what they have done. He suggested workshops on genealogy,

Cornish music and Cornish cooking. Discussion ensued about the October meeting, to be held at the Vancouver Genealogical Library, where members will be able to use the resources. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Holiday
for Secretary Margaret Porter

There'll always be a Cornwall...

Oct. 13, 1949

PNCS is not the first Cornish group in the Pacific Northwest.

Cornish Group To Note Illogan Night

The Washington Cornish Association will observe Illogan Night at its meeting Saturday evening at the Central Y. M. C. A. The association's first vice president, William Hosking of Illogan, Cornwall, England, will preside.

May 18, 1950

THE SEATTLE TIME

Cornish Ass'n. Plans Festival

The annual Harvest Festival of the Washington Cornish Association will be held at the Central Y. M. C. A. Building at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Ray Hale will be installed as president; William Hosking as vice president; Mrs. Ray Hale, treasurer, and Mrs. James H. Addicoat, secretary.

The celebration will be characterized by community singing, and a homecoming welcome will be extended to the organization's past president, John H. Williams, and Mrs. Williams, who recently returned from a visit to Cornwall, England. Persons of Cornish descent are invited to attend.

Alene Reaugh shares these clippings from the Seattle Times she found on line.

Pacific Northwest Cornish Society

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PNCS Meetings

First Saturday in March, in the North
To celebrate St. Piran's Day
Fourth Saturday in July, Central area
Annual Cornish Picnic
Third Saturday in October, in the South

Cornish Country Store

Our Cornish Country Store is open 24 hours on line and three times a year live at our meetings. We have a good variety of items your Cornish cousins will love. Please check the website to see pictures of all these items:

www.nwcornishsociety.com/Country%20store.htm

You can place an order by emailing Alene Reaugh at

Softwalk2@yahoo.com

Sweatshirts and T-shirts can be ordered directly from Café Press at <http://cafepress.com/pnwcs>. In addition, PNCS gets a commission on sales made through the website connection to Amazon.com.

PNCS Library

The PNCS Library is housed with Past President Alene Reaugh. The library welcomes donated books about the Cornish. You can bring donations to one of the meetings or contact Alene at (503) 775-9653 or email her at softwalk2@yahoo.com.

History of Cornwall on CD-ROM

The Parochial History of the County of Cornwall, a four-volume set of books with lots of information on old Cornish families, was donated to us by our Cornish member, Ron Lake, and we had them put on CD-ROM. They are available to borrow or purchase. Contact Joan Huston if interested in obtaining a copy. Tregarthen@gmail.com or phone (360) 613-1718.

Visit Pacific Northwest Cornish Society on Facebook for information on Cornish happenings!

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He saw it coming but nobody listened

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Hill was the first Rick would call when something happened – such as the 1993 bombing. Hill said that Rick telephoned him on the day of the September 11 attacks, describing his attempt to rescue his colleagues from the terrorist strike they had predicted.

“I said: ‘What are you doing?’ and he said: ‘I’m getting my people the hell out of here’ and he said: ‘Those idiots from Port Authority are telling them to stay at their stations’.

“He said: ‘What do you think?’ and I said: ‘Could be a hit – could be just what we said was coming.’”

In the 1998 interview, Rick prophetically warned his country’s politicians to take heed of the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, caused by a van packed with explosives. When Islamic terrorists bombed the World Trade Center in 1993, Rescorla was instrumental in evacuating the building. He was literally the last man out. He did research and warned authorities that he expected another attack, but was ignored.

At Rescorla’s insistence, all employees practiced quarterly emergency evacuations.

His heroism was noticed as soon as the dust started clearing. Many read about him in magazines, and several books included his life stories.

“Heart of a Soldier” takes its name from one of these books, by New Yorker writer James B. Stewart. Time Magazine called “Heart of a Soldier” the best nonfiction book of 2002. Other sources for Donna DiNovelli’s libretto were the life stories of Susan Rescorla, Rick Rescorla and Daniel J. Hill.

The book had all the themes of an opera, director Francesca Zambello said in an interview as the opera was in rehearsal. The story starts in Cornwall during World War II, and continues through Rick’s life until the tragic ending.

American Christopher Theofanidis wrote the music, and Patrick Summers conducts the orchestra

Sources: Alene Reaugh; the Western Morning News; San Francisco Opera website; Sipe-Peterson American Legion Post 44, Scottsdale, Arizona website; Rick Rescorla Memorial website; The American Legion, J.B. Clark Post 149, Escondido, Calif. Website; Wikipedia.

Webinar helps with genealogy topics

The Southern California Genealogical Society has become a new program, the Jamboree Extension Series, which provides family history and genealogy educational webinar (web-based seminar) sessions for genealogists around the world.

The program will offer Jamboree-style seminars at no charge for up to 1000 attendees per session. The Jamboree Extension Series is offered as a service to the genealogical community as part of the Society’s mission “to foster interest in family history and genealogy, preserve genealogical materials, and provide instruction in accepted and effective research tech-

niques.”

The original webcasts are available to all genealogists. As a benefit to SCGS members, the webinars are being archived on the SCGS members-only section of the society’s website and can be viewed at any time. Archived sessions will be available approximately three days following the webinar. SCGS memberships may be purchased online at the SCGS website:

(<http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com/>).

Jamboree Extension Series presentations are offered at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday and 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday each month. The

first few sessions included topics such as Social Networking: New Horizons for Genealogists, Looking After the Poor: Finding Your Ancestors in New England Poverty Records, Getting the Scoop on Your Ancestors From Old Newspapers and Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors. The complete webinar schedule is posted on the SCGS website. Updates are added as new sessions are scheduled.

The October seminars are “Remembering the Ladies: Researching Your Female Ancestors” on Saturday, Oct. 1, and “Yes you can! Do Genealogy in Spite of a Learning Disability” on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Cornish Connections

This is a highly arbitrary list. Feel free to suggest other Cornish Connections by e-mailing the Editor

Cornish Heritage Organizations

Federation of Old Cornwall Societies

<http://oldcornwall.org>

The Cornish-American Heritage Foundation

www.cousinjack.org

New Zealand Cornish Association

www.busby.net/nzca/

The California Cornish Cousins

www.califcornishcousins.org

Cornish Association of Victoria (Australia)

www.cornishvic.org.au

Festivals and Events

Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games

169 SW Coast Highway

Newport, Oregon 97365

www.newportcelticfestival.com

Cornish Websites

Cornwall Connections

A collection of links to all things Cornish.

www.cornwallconnections.peoples.com

Cornish Global Migration Programme

Collects information about Cornishmen and women who emigrated to England or elsewhere.

www.cornishmigration.org.uk

myCornwall.tv

myCornwall magazine (formerly Cornish World)

Video and print resources seek to make a difference to Cornwall by creating entertaining, educational and thought-provoking content.

<http://www.mycornwall.tv>

Keep Cornwall Whole

A campaign set up by Adam Killeya, Mayor of Saltash, in response to the threat of parts of Cornwall, possibly including Saltash, being split off and joined with parts of Devon for parliamentary purposes.

<http://keepcornwallwhole.org>

West Penwith Resources

Links to resources concerning the far west end of Cornwall.

<http://west-penwith.org.uk/index.htm>

General Genealogy

Washington State Archives

Has 94 million records preserved, 29 million of which are searchable online.

www.digitalarchives.wa.gov

Oregon State Archives

Search for Oregon records on line.

<http://genealogy.state.or.us>

Cyndi's List

More than 290,000 links to genealogy sites.

www.cyndislist.com

FamilySearch

Information from Salt Lake City and elsewhere, plus videos on how to get started on your genealogy.

www.familysearch.org

Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation

Look up your ancestors who came through New York between 1892 and 1924, free.

www.ellisland.org

Bureau of Land Management

Search for land patent records by name and state.

www.glorerecords.blm.gov

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society

Meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May at Bates Technical College, 1101 South Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/

Steven Morse.org

A collection of links to genealogical websites.

<http://stevemorse.org/>

BYU Idaho Special Collections

Western states marriage records, oral histories and more from Brigham Young University Idaho.

<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/>

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